



## ZEOLITE WORD SEARCH

Some mineral collectors specialize in collecting zeolites and the minerals associated with them. Search the word search puzzle for the names of zeolite minerals that specimen collectors like to add to their collections.

Zeolites (typically collected by specimen collectors):

Analcime  
Chabazite  
Heulandite  
Harmotome

Mesolite  
Natrolite  
Phillipsite  
Scolecite

Stilbite  
Stellerite  
Thomsonite

Minerals associated with zeolites (but which are not zeolite minerals):

Apophyllite  
Gyrolite  
Okenite  
Prehnite

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# The Biggest Crystals Ever Found



You are probably used to seeing crystals that are about as tiny as a fingernail up to specimens that are about as big as your head. However, some minerals, when allowed to grow in very special conditions, can be bigger than a car!

Above are gypsum crystals that were discovered in 2000, deep underground at Naica, Chihuahua, Mexico. Some of the crystals are up to 40 feet long and are estimated to weigh up to 55 tons . . . each! These crystals are easily the largest gypsum crystals found anywhere in the world. They may very well be the largest crystals of any mineral ever found!